



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information
~OCTOBER 6, 2021~

SterlingFest 2021 Saturday October 9



Every October, The Sterling Foundation throws a massive block party, celebrating the best of our hometown!

This year, SterlingFest will take place on Saturday, **October 9, 2021 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm** at the Sterling Community Center located at 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA 20164.

Get to know your neighbors, learn about local businesses, buy unique gifts from local artists, and have a great time! Best of all, the entire

event helps raise funds to benefit The Sterling Foundation, ensuring they can continue our work to strengthen and beautify our hometown.

Bring the whole family, explore booths offering the best of local businesses and artisans. Sample fine food from a wide variety of local restaurants. While the kids enjoy games, obstacle courses, and crafts, parents can sit down in the Beer Garden for a pint of locally brewed beer or a lovely glass of Virginia's finest wine.

Deadline to Register to Vote in November Election is October 12

Loudoun County election officials remind residents that if they are not registered to vote or need to update their registration, they have until Tuesday, October 12, 2021, to do so in order to vote in the November 2 general election.

The voter registration deadlines are:



- **[Online Voter Registration](#)**: Tuesday, October 12, at 11:59 p.m.
- **In-Person Voter Registration**: Tuesday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Drive, S.E., Suite C in Leesburg. (Note: The office will be closed Monday, October 11, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.)
- **By-Mail Voter Registration**: The application must be postmarked no later than October 12, 2021.

Additional Early Voting Sites to Open October 18

Election officials also remind residents that all registered voters are eligible to vote early in person. In addition to the ongoing early voting at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, **additional early voting sites will open Monday, October 18, 2021:**

- Dulles South Recreation Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding
- Loudoun County Government Offices, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling

Weekend hours for early voting will be offered beginning Saturday, October 23, at all early voting sites and will include the Carver Center, 200 E. Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville.

The deadline to vote early in person is Saturday, October 30.

More information, including hours of operation at voting sites and directions, is available at loudoun.gov/voteearly.

[Learn More](#)

POSTPONED: Sterling Park Safety Center Groundbreaking Ceremony October 9



UPDATE: The Sterling Park Safety Center groundbreaking ceremony previously detailed below that was scheduled to take place this Saturday, October 9th has been POSTPONED.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Sterling Park Safety Center will take place on Saturday, October 9th at 12:30 pm at 104 Commerce Street, Sterling, VA 20164.

This ceremony marks the commencement of construction on the new 22,000 square foot replacement station for the previous station at the same location.

The Sterling Park Station has served as home to the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad and Sterling Volunteer Fire Company since 1970. The staff from Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, Sterling Volunteer Fire Company and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue have begun operating out a temporary station as a new station is built to replace the current Sterling Park Station.

Closure of the station is anticipated to last approximately 12 to 18 months. Staff and apparatus currently assigned to the Sterling Park Station will relocate to, and operate out of, temporary facilities located at 203 East Holly Avenue.

The phone number to reach staff for non-emergency business will be [703-430-1780](tel:703-430-1780) or [703-430-7010](tel:703-430-7010). In the event of an emergency, always dial [911](tel:911).

Loudoun County Expands Free COVID-19 Testing Events to Weekly Beginning Oct. 12

Loudoun County is expanding its twice-a-month COVID-19 testing events to weekly, beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The additional testing events will give residents more options for free testing as the county continues to experience a high level of community transmission of COVID-19.

COVID-19 TESTING

October & November

Multiple Locations

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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Testing Schedule

The weekly schedule of COVID-19 testing events begins October 12. They will be held on **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

- October 12: [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)
- October 19: [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- October 26: [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)
- November 2: [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)
- November 9: [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- November 16: [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)
- November 23: [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)
- November 30: [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)

The testing events are free and open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered. No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at these events.

[Get More Information](#)

FDA Schedules Key Meetings on COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters, Vaccine for Children



A Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory committee is set to take up several topics related to COVID-19 vaccine at meetings this month.

The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) is scheduled to meet at least

three days in October:

- **Thursday, October 14:** Discussion of authorizing booster doses of the Moderna vaccine.
- **Friday, October 15:** Discussion of authorizing booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine; and discussion of mixing vaccine types - receiving initial doses of one COVID-19 vaccine and, later, a booster dose of another manufacturer's vaccine.
- **Tuesday, October 26:** Discussion of the use of a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11
- **The October 14 and 15:** VRBPAC meetings will include public comment periods.

[Read more in this news release from the FDA](#)

REMINDER: Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Seeks Volunteer Vaccinators to Help Protect Community's Health

The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is issuing a call for volunteer vaccinators—especially for those who are comfortable with vaccinating young children—to help in protecting the community's health as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The county anticipates an upcoming increase in demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, which will require additional support from the Loudoun MRC and the medical community.



In the coming weeks, it is expected that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will recommend that children ages 5 to 11 receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Shortly after this occurs, it is expected that the Virginia Department of Health will authorize local health departments to begin administering vaccines to this age group.

Registered nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists and physicians with a current Virginia license who are comfortable vaccinating children as young as 5 years old are needed now to ensure there are enough vaccinators available as soon as the Loudoun County Health Department is authorized to begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine to this younger age group.

More information about the MRC, including an online volunteer registration form, can be found at loudoun.gov/mrc.

October Classes Scheduled for Mental Health & Substance Abuse Programs

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Prevention Education Programs

New Classes Scheduled for October 2021

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Question, Persuade and Refer: Suicide Prevention
- REVIVE!: Opioid Overdose Reversal



loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention

New class dates have been scheduled in October 2021 for Loudoun County's ongoing mental health and substance abuse prevention trainings efforts. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited.

Adverse Childhood

Experiences Training

The Adverse Childhood Experiences training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance use problems in adulthood. The training teaches that ACE prevention is the greatest opportunity for improving the well-being of communities. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

The next class will be held:

- October 19, 6:00 p.m.
- October 28, 6:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining.

Opioid Overdose Reversal

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of REVIVE!, the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour.

Upcoming classes are:

- Thursday, October 7, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 15, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 18, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

- Friday, October 22, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 29, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

Suicide Prevention Training

The Question Persuade and Refer program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation.

Upcoming classes will be held:

- October 28, 7:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining.

REMINDER: Public Invited to Fair Housing Public Forum in Loudoun TONIGHT

The Loudoun County Office of Housing invites residents to attend a virtual fair housing public forum and input session as part of the process to develop a regional fair housing plan. The virtual public forum will be held on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**



Loudoun County is one of eight participating jurisdictions that are working collaboratively to develop a regional fair housing plan, also known as the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The process is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Under the [U.S. Fair Housing Act](#), people are protected from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance or engaging in other housing-related activities.

The October 6 virtual public forum will gather input specifically for the Loudoun County portion of the plan. The program will include an overview on fair housing; presentation of Loudoun County data; discussion of policy priorities; and three breakout sessions on discrimination in housing, barriers to affordable housing and housing for persons with disabilities.

Pre-registration is required for this virtual public session. To pre-register, and to get more information about the plan, visit loudoun.gov/housing.

Firefighters Team Up with Mobile Hope and One Warm Coat® for Annual Coat Drive



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the Loudoun Career Firefighters Association have once again partnered with One Warm Coat and Mobile Hope Loudoun to collect winter apparel for local residents in need.

This year LCCFRS will be collecting coats and winter apparel at all Loudoun County Fire and Rescue stations to include fire and rescue headquarters in Leesburg which will offer a contactless drop-off option.

The process is simple!

- Collect your new or gently used and clean coats, jackets, scarves, winter hats, gloves, and mittens.
- Drop-off your items from October 1 through November 7, 2021.
- All donated items will be given to Mobile Hope Loudoun for distribution to local people in need.

For an interactive map of our drop-off locations and more information about this annual campaign, please visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/5624/LC-CFRS-Annual-Coat-Drive>.

Friends of the Sterling Library Annual Book Sale

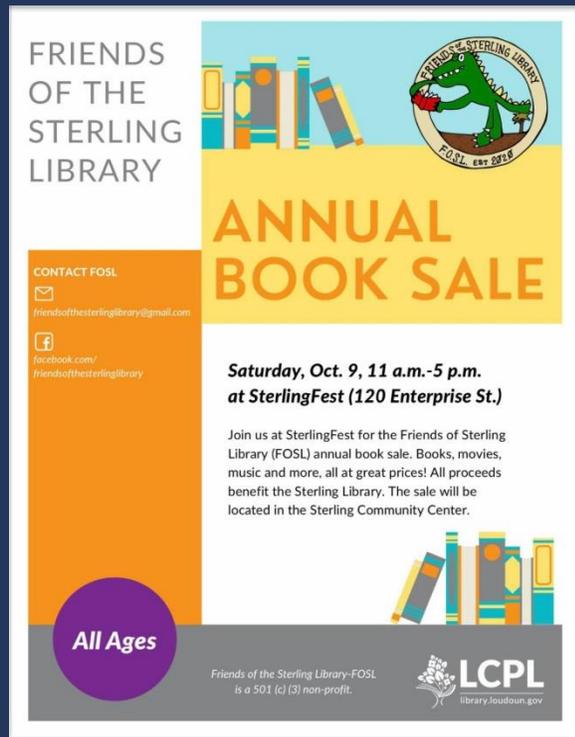
Join the Friends of the Sterling Library (FOSL) at SterlingFest this **Saturday, October 9th** for the FOSL Annual Book Sale **from 11:00 am-5:00 pm** at the Sterling Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise Street.

Books, movies, music and more all at great prices! All proceeds will benefit the Sterling Library.

This weekend's book sale will be the Friends of Sterling Library first book sale to support the Sterling Library. FOSL is still in need of volunteers to help with the sale on Saturday.

If you would like to volunteer, please use the link below to sign up for a time slot. The FOSL could use your help in setting up, replenishing our stock throughout the day, and then breaking down at the end of the event.

[Sign Up Today](#)



The poster features a yellow background with a blue header. On the left, it says 'FRIENDS OF THE STERLING LIBRARY' in white. To the right, there's a circular logo with a green dinosaur and the text 'FRIENDS OF STERLING LIBRARY FOSL EST 2018'. Below the header, 'ANNUAL BOOK SALE' is written in large, bold, orange letters. On the left side, there's an orange vertical bar with 'CONTACT FOSL' and email and Facebook links. The event details are in the center: 'Saturday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at SterlingFest (120 Enterprise St.)'. Below that, a paragraph describes the event. At the bottom, there's a purple circle with 'All Ages', the FOSL 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and the LCPL logo with 'library.loudoun.gov'.

2022 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition



The Registration for Loudoun Youth Inc.'s 2022 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition is now open!

Loudoun Youth, Inc. was created to help teens in

Loudoun County gain exposure to leadership in action and build up confidence.

The Step Up competition Encourages middle and high school youth, across the county to identify an issue in their school, neighborhood or community, create a plan to address that issue, and implement the plan. The goal is to encourage, support and reward the youth of Loudoun County for making positive changes in their own lives and the lives of others.

Key Dates

- Registration Closes: December 17, 2021
- Team Videos Due: March 3, 2022
- Main Competition: March 24, 2022
- Top 10 Finals and Awards: April 7, 2022

[Learn More and Register Today](#)

**Next Session of Online Initiative to Develop
Fatherhood Skills Begins October 19**

The next session of the program sponsored by the Loudoun County Department of Family Services to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads begins **Tuesday, October 19, 2021.**

All fathers are welcome to attend the free, 12-week virtual program.

Area fathers are encouraged to register for the National Fatherhood Initiative's 24/7 Dad® program to strengthen their relationships with their children. The virtual workshops will take place weekly on Tuesdays, beginning October 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.**

Developed by fathering and parenting experts, the 24/7 Dad program teaches fathering techniques and strategies, provides fathers with peer support and guidance, and allows fathers the opportunity to discover their own parenting strengths.

To register, sign up at <https://bit.ly/loudounfathers>, [email Program Assistant Linh Carter](mailto:ProgramAssistant@loudoun.gov) or call [703-737-8237](tel:703-737-8237). Information is also available at loudoun.gov/fatherhood.

If you require an accommodation to participate in this program, contact the department at [703-737-8237](tel:703-737-8237). Three days' notice is requested.

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A free 12-week program

VIRTUAL Meetings

Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Starting October 19, 2021



Build your skills to become an even stronger dad.

Register now at loudoun.gov/fatherhood

Loudoun Board of Supervisors Adopts Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

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The Board of Supervisors
has adopted the
Unmet Housing Needs
Strategic Plan.



Learn about the plan:
loudoun.gov/HousingNeeds

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP), which is designed to help the county and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. The plan identifies strategies and actions to address unmet housing needs in a

systematic and comprehensive way with integrated programs. The plan also creates housing targets over the short term and the long term.

Plan Objectives

The UHNSP has five objectives with specific strategies and key actions that will help the county address housing needs:

- Establish a coordinated, collaborative and integrated housing network.
- Secure land resources needed to address unmet housing needs.
- Obtain viable funding sources.
- Provide incentives, establish priorities and increase access to affordable housing.
- Implement policy changes to support affordable housing production and preservation.

These five objectives and their associated key actions provide a comprehensive approach to begin to address the affordability gaps that exist in the county. This approach is based on research, best practices and Loudoun County's specific housing needs and housing market.

[More Details](#)

How to Keep Children Safe from COVID-19 in School

Loudoun County health officials encourage everyone involved in the care and education of children to utilize multiple prevention strategies to protect young people from COVID-19 while they are attending school in person this fall.



The current high level of community transmission of the coronavirus, the continued spread of the Delta variant and the fact that children under 12 are not vaccinated heighten the need to maintain multiple prevention strategies in public and private schools, particularly in elementary schools where children are not yet eligible for vaccination.

Health officials recommend all parents and children follow the prevention strategies recommended by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Education](#), which include:

- **Vaccinating everyone 12 and older**
- **Using masks consistently and correctly**
- **Physical distancing**
- **Handwashing**
- **Staying home when sick**
- **Getting tested if sick or if you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19**

For additional information about COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus, call the Health Department's information line at 703-737-8300, or [send an email to the Health Department](#).

Loudoun Economic Development Awarded Top Industry Honors



The Loudoun County Department of Economic Development was honored today with the coveted Gold Award for “Economic Development Organization of the Year” by the International Economic Development Council at their annual conference in

Nashville.

The award recognizes the top organization working in communities between 200,000 and 500,000 residents that successfully demonstrates excellence in categories such as program innovation and continuity, leadership quality and consistency, measured metrics and performance benchmarks, and community interaction and impact.

In addition to continuing many successful services, Loudoun Economic Development also launched the following programs during FY21:

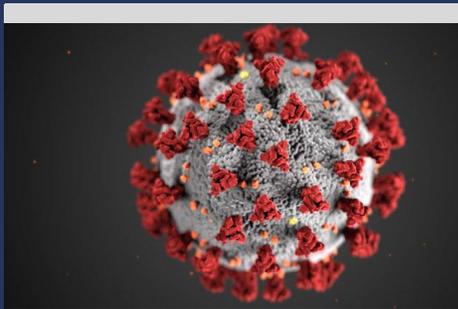
- **Work In Loudoun:** This comprehensive workforce development program provides resources to regional employees and jobseekers, current Loudoun businesses, and businesses that are considering investing in Loudoun County.
- **Regional Minority-Owned Business Report:** Loudoun Economic Development was proud to partner with the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and its neighboring counterparts to compile data and recommendations for best serving the minority-owned business community in the aftermath of COVID-19.
- **COVID-19 Business Relief Grants:** Loudoun dedicated nearly \$8 million to COVID-19 business relief in FY21, including \$7.6 million for the Business Interruption Fund and \$250,000 for the Outdoor Seating Grant. Over the last two years, Loudoun disbursed nearly \$12 million to 2,000 businesses.
- **FireUp Business Mentor and Coaching Program:** Loudoun sponsored 15 entrepreneurs for the 12-week program operated by Ureeka, an inclusive online community of entrepreneurs providing

resources that are tailored to female and minority-owned small businesses.

- **International Data Center Day Celebration:** Loudoun is home to the world's largest concentration of data centers, and Loudoun Economic Development partnered with the Data Center Coalition and 7x24 Exchange DC to celebrate Data Center Alley with a week of education, collaboration and community service programming.

[Learn More](#)

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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